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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 25,627; Week ago 30,279; Year ago 31,524 Medium and Large 1&1-2 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
362 lbs.	137.62	362 lbs.	122.55	350 lbs.	104.08
455 lbs.	125.35	453 lbs.	112.81	458 lbs.	93.37
549 lbs.	117.92	537 lbs.	107.41	553 lbs.	88.67
639 lbs.	111.97	639 lbs.	104.86	650 lbs.	87.26
738 lbs.	107.41	764 lbs.	106.08	762 lbs.	84.33
836 lbs.	104.28	821 lbs.	92.85	855 lbs.	86.34
932 lbs.	101.64				

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 3000; Week ago 5587; Year ago 6409 Compared to last week, steers and heifers 2.00 to 7.00 lower. Slaughter Cows and bulls steady to 2.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:		
Medium a	and Large 1	Medium and Large 1		
250-300 lbs. 300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-550 lbs. 550-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-750 lbs.	Scarce 128.00-138.00 114.00-130.00 112.50-120.00 105.00-116.00 106.00-115.00 97.50-101.50	250-300 lbs. 300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	Scarce 117.50-129.00 106.00-119.50 94.00-105.50 92.00-97.00 Scarce Scarce	
Large 3 Holsteins 450-500 lbs. Scarce 500-550 lbs. Scarce 600-700 lbs. Scarce		ESLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 45.00-53.50, high dressing 50.50-57.00. Lean (85-90%) 42.00-48.00, low dressing 35.00-42.00.		
<u>SLAUGHTER BULLS:</u> Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-2050 lbs 55.00- 63.50, low dressing 51.00-57.00,		REPLACEMEN Medium and Lar 950-1400 lbs, 2r	rge 1-2, 4 to 6 yrs	

few high dressing 64.00-65.00.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Me-

dium and Large 1-2

Fairly Scarce.

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740.00-800.00 per head, few

mostly blks 820.00-975.00. Sev-

eral 7 yrs to ss 1050-1385 lbs 2nd

and 3rd stage 585.00-690.00 per

head, few more uniform bunches 650.00-775.00 per head.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 6100; week ago 6730; year ago 8955 Cow and Bull Receipts 2762; week ago 2031; year ago 2200 Compared to last week, Feeder steers and heifers started the week 3.00 to 10.00 lower, later in the week steady to 3.00 lower. Slaughter cows 1.00 to 2.00 higher, Slaughter bulls 2.00 to 4.00 higher

STEERS:		<u>HEIFERS</u> :	
Medium and Large 1 &1-2		Medium and Large 1&1-2	
	122.00-146.00 113.00-128.00 100.00-119.00 100.00-112.00 99.50-107.00 101.00-104.00 TEINS: Frame 3 100.00-113.00 90.00-105.00 83.00-90.00 82.50-90.50 83.00-86.00 85.00-88.00	and Boning (70- 55.00, high dres Lean (85-90%) dressing 29.50- SLAUGHTER 1 Grade 1-2, 1265	BULLS: Yield 5-2150 lbs 58.00- ssing 62.00-69.00,
REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1030-1365 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage 675.00-885.00, several more attractive blks in large lots, 950.00-975.00 per head.		COW & CALF I and Large 1-2, 2 1340 lbs. with bacalves, 850.00-1	aby to 350 lb

NORTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(St. Joe, Maryville)

Receipts: 2586, Week ago 1036, Year ago 1516 Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to as much as 12.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 2.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS.		FEEDER HEIFERS.		
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1		
300-400 lbs.	141.00-150.00	300-400 lbs	115.00-130.50	
400-500 lbs.	120.00-132.00		112.75-121.00	
500-600 lbs.	112.00-124.00		103.50-120.00	
600-700 lbs.	108.75-123.25	600-700 lbs.	110.50-118.75	
700-800 lbs.	105.00-113.85	700-800 lbs.	100.00-111.75	
800-900 lbs.	105.50	800-900 lbs.	88.75	
REPLACEMENT COWS:		SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking		
Medium and Large 1, 5 yrs to ss,		and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.00-		
1240-1465 lbs, 2nd	l stage, 700.00-	53.75, high dressing 50.00-59.00,		

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COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1, 5-7 yrs, 1080-1450 Grade lbs, with 100-200 lbs calves, 64.00,

835.00 per head

850.00-1100.00 per pair.

FEEDER STEERS.

and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.00-53.75, high dressing 50.00-59.00, Lean (85-90%) 40.00-45.50, low dressing 33.50-37.00.

EEEDER HEIEERS.

<u>SLAUGHTER BULLS:</u> Yield Grade 1-2, 1480-2150 lbs. 58.00-64.00, high dressing 63.00-65.50, low dressing 53.00-60.00.

WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville, Passaic) Receipts 4144; Week ago 3977; Year ago 2894 Feeder steers and heifers under 600 lbs 8.00 lower to 5.00 higher, heavier weights steady to 6.00 lower. Slaughter cows firm to 4.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:		<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> :		
Medium and La	arge 1& 1-2	Medium and Large 1 & 1-2		
300-400 lbs 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs.	130.00-157.00 114.50-144.50 107.50-134.00 100.00-127.00 102.00-119.50	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs.	110.00-132.00 105.00-126.00 95.00-123.75 96.00-120.25 94.50-101.75	
800-900 lbs.	101.00-105.00			
REPLACEMENT of Medium and Large ss, 900-1300 lbs, 21 700.00-910.00 per large	1-2, 3 yrs to	SLAUGHTER C and Boning (70-8 52.50, High dress Lean (85-90%) 3 dressing 36.25-44	35% lean) 45.75- sing 51.00-60.50, 8.00-45.00, Low	
COW & CALF PA and Large 1-2, Scar		SLAUGHTER B Grade 1-2, 1215- 64.00, low dressi high dressing 63.	2100 lbs 56.00- ng 49.00-56.00.	

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville) Receipts: 4762, Week ago 4472, Year ago 4622

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers 5.00 to 10.00 lower. Slaughter steady to 5.00 higher.

FEEDER Medium and		<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> : Medium and Large 1 & 1-2		
350-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	131.00-145.00 117.00-131.00 113.00-121.00 106.50-117.50 103.25-109.75 103.75	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs	121.00-132.00 108.50-129.00 102.00-114.50 96.00-107.75 95.25-98.50 Scarce	
SLAUGHTER ST 2-4 81.00-86.25.	TEERS: Choice	SLAUGHTER C Boning, and Lear 42.00-52.00, high 58.25, low dressi	n (70-90% lean) n dressing 48.00-	
<u>SLAUGHTER HI</u> 2-4 76.25-80.25	EIFERS: Choice	SLAUGHTER B Grade 1-2, 1400- 61.00, high dress	2100 lbs, 54.00-	

NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria, Macon) Feeder Cattle Receipts 2513; week ago 4267; year ago 1530 Slaughter Cattle Receipts 16; week ago 88; year ago 61 Feeder steers and heifers steady to 5.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher. Slaughter steers and heifers not well tested.

<u>FEEDER</u> Medium a	STEERS: nd Large 1	<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> : Medium and Large 1&1-2		
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs. 900-1000 lbs.	139.00-159.00 127.00-145.50 116.00-135.50 111.75-122.25 104.50-110.25 Scarce Scarce	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	120.00-127.50 112.00-127.25 110.50-122.00 105.10-116.25 105.50-114.35 Scarce	
SLAUGHTER S'Choice 2-3 Scarc		SLAUGHTER C and Boning (75- 53.00, low dress	85% lean) 46.00-	
CLAUCHTED H	EIEEDC. Chains	CLAUCHTED D	III I C. Viald	

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2400 lbs. 55.00-AUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3 1050-1350 lbs. Scarce

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium REPLACEMENT COWS: Meand Large 1-2 3-5 yrs, 1100-1300 dium and Large 1-2 2-6 yrs, 1000lbs, with baby to 200 lbs, 1400 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage, 1275.00-1290.00 per pair. 950.00-1050.00 per head.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 1588; Week ago 1835; Year ago 1931 Compared to last week, feeders 2.00 to 6.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:		<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> :		
Medium ar	nd Large 1-2	Medium and Large 1-2		
300-400 lbs.	120.00-134.00	300-400 lbs.	105.00-119.50	
400-500 lbs.	109.00-125.00	400-500 lbs.	100.00-116.00	
500-600 lbs.	105.00-118.00	500-600 lbs.	96.00-112.50	
600-700 lbs.	106.00-110.00	600-700 lbs.	100.00-110.00	
700-800 lbs.	95.00-108.75	700-800 lbs.	89.00-95.50	
REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 790-1435 lbs, 2nd-3rd stage 560.00-920.00 per head.		SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and boning (75-85% lean) 42.00-48.25; high dressing 49.00-50.00, Lean 32.25-37.75.		
COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 7 yrs to ss, 825-1285 lbs with 60 to 180 lb calves 560.00-865.00 per pair.		SLAUGHTER E Grade 1-2, 1143- 57.75, high dress	-2090 lbs, 53.50-	

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts: 2433, Week ago 3613, Year ago 3845

FEEDER STEERS:

Compared to last week steers and heifers 3.00 to 1000 lower, Slaughter cows 1.00 to 3.00 higher.

FEEDER HEIFERS:

LEBERTS	TEETES.	TEEDER HEH ERB.		
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1		
2			C	
350-400 lbs.	125.50-137.00	300-400 lbs.	110.25-126.00	
400-500 lbs.	111.00-125.00	400-500 lbs.	100.00-115.00-	
500-600 lbs.	107.00-118.50	500-600 lbs.	97.25-105.00	
600-700 lbs.	102.75-111.50	600-700 lbs.	97.00-102.00	
700-800 lbs.	101.00-105.75	Pkg 803 lbs.	96.00	
REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 5 yrs to ss, 1175-1375 lbs, 1st and 2nd stage, 785.00-985.00 per head.		SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 44.00-49.50, high dressing 48.75-51.75, Lean (85-90%) 37.00-46.25, low dressing 33.00-39.00.		
COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce.		,	-2200 lbs. 54.00- sing 61.00-64.00,	

MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT

Weekly Receipts 0; Week ago 1400; Year ago 600 Compared to last week, trade inactive as of 9:00 Friday morning. Buyer and seller interest light to moderate.

STEERS: no sales reported	STEERS AND HEIFERS: Carcass sales: No Sales
HEIFERS: no sales reported	GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): Choice 3 550-950 lbs: No Sales

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 11,445, Week ago 8157; Year ago 12,226 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 1.00-1.50 lower. Sows steady.

BARROWS AND GILTS: SOWS:

Base carcass meat price 55.00-300-500 lbs 33.00-35.00 57.50. Weekly top Monday 60.50 Over 500 lbs 36.00-40.00

MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT

Receipts: 10,425

Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady to 1.00 lower and feeder pigs not

tested. Supply and Demand Moderate.

All pig prices based on a delivered basis including freight and fees.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights Delivered 90% formulated 10,425 head 10 lbs 32.75-35.44, weighted average 10 lbs 33.68

Feeder pigs 40-50 base weights Delivered 0 % formulated None reported

WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFFS PRICES (DOLLARS PER TON-BULK BASIS)

Area		Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	179.60	161.00	123.50	92.50
St. Louis	192.50	152.00	135.50	81.00

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Frost settled on many of the pumpkins for the first time this past week. In most cases it wasn't hard enough to be considered killing yet, so pastures if given a few warming degrees still have the opportunity to grow some. Fall rains fell thought out most of the state varying from a few days of mist and drizzle to an all out flash flood. Hay movement remains good and many feeders are keeping a close tab on there hay piles trying to keep some what of a supply built up in fear of a shortage if old man winter decides to show and stay for long this year. Hay supply moderate to light, demand moderate to good. Prices steady. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for buyers and sellers. To be listed, or for a directory, call 1-800-877-4HAY(4429).(All prices per ton unless specified) Supreme quality Alfalfa(RFV>185) 135.00-160.00 premium quality Alfalfa (RFV170-180) 100.00-125.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa(RFV130-170) Round bales 40.00-80.00 Small, Big squares 70.00-110.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 3.00-4.50 per bale, 30.00-60.00 per large round bale Good to Premium quality Prairie hay small squares 80.00-100.00, Fair to good quality Prairie hay 40.00-70.00, Premium Quality Brome large Squares 90.00-100.00 Good quality Brome 40.00-70.00 Fair quality Brome and mixed with grass round bales 15.00-35.00. Good quality Timothy Hay 3.00-4.50 per small square bale, Good quality Mixed Grass hay 25.00-45.00 per round bale Fair quality large round bales Fescue 15.00-30.00 per bale Wheat hay 50.00-70.00 Wheat straw 1.75-3.00 per small bale. Corn stalks 20.00 per large round bale.

Dairy Cattle Sales

Dairy Cattle Receipts 1468, (Norwood 10/12/06)

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1775.00-1900.00, Approved 1400.00-1760.00, Medium 1025.00-1400.00, Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1650.00-1910.00, Approved 1400.00-1700.00. Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 1200.00-1340.00, 600-700 lbs 1200.00-1280.00, 500-600 lbs 1050.00-1225.00 400-500 lbs 885.00-1070.00, 300-400 lbs 760.00-910.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 500.00-530.00, Holstein Bulls 150.00-235.00, Small 90.00-140.00, Crossbred Heifers 200.00-260.00.

White Sheep and Goat Sale

Diamond, MO (10/05/06)

Receipts: 1873, last month 1836, last year 1992

Demand and supply moderate, quality very good on replacement goats. All prices per hundred weight, except replacements by the head. Slaughter Lambs: Choice 1-2 wooled and shorn 100-120 lbs 84.00-91.00, 125-131 lbs 83.00-87.00, Feeder Lambs: 1-2 wooled 40-70 lbs 95.00-103.00, 70-80 lbs 85.00-101.00, 80-96 lbs 81.00-95.00, hair lambs 40-65 lbs 90.00-110.00. Slaughter ewes: few utility and good 1-3 145-160 lbs 31.00-35.00, Slaughter bucks few 160-295 lbs 22.50-30.00, Replacement ewes: Hair medium 1-2 45-75 lbs 100.00-122.50 per head, 75-140 lbs 55.00-75.00 per head. Goats: Slaughter classes: Kids Selection 2-3 40-60 lbs 92.00-103.00, 60-80 lbs 91.00-101.00 80-100 lbs few 84.00-94.00, Does/ Nannies: Selection 2-3 70-120 lbs 42.00-62.00, Billies few 100-170 lbs 51.00-64.00, Replacement classes: Does/Nannies Selection 1-2 50-95 lbs 65.00-115.00 per head, 95-145 lbs 70.00-105.00 per head, Selection 3 80-120 lbs 62.50-87.50 per head. Selection 1 registered Boer Does/Nannies 60-110 lbs 175.00-270.00 per head, Billies Selection 1-2 90-165 lbs 125.00-250.00 per head, few Selection 1 registered 400.00-460.00 per head. Stocker/Feeder kids Selection 2-3 30-40 lbs 97.00-108.00.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .13 to .15 higher, Wheat nearbys.08 to .20 lower, others .02 to .04 higher, Corn nearby steady to .02 lower, others .02 to .06 higher, KC Wheat steady to .13 lower, Soybean meal nearby .70 to .80 higher, others .40 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Soybeans Nov Jan Mar May Jul	589 603 1/2 613 1/4 621 1/2 631 1/4	600 1/2 614 1/2 623 3/4 631 640 1/4	604 1/2 618 626 632 1/4 641 3/4	608 622 1/2 628 3/4 635 1/2 645 1/4	606 1/2 620 1/4 628 634 1/2 643
Wheat Dec Mar May Jul Sep	542 1/2 544 1/2 522 1/2 464 1/2 467	531 537 1/2 518 467 468	512 1/2 519 503 460 1/2 463 1/2	513 524 1/2 501 1/2 458 1/2 462	505 524 1/2 501 1/2 466 462
Corn Dec Mar May Jul Sep	316 3/4 326 1/2 332 1/2 334 1/4 323	321 329 1/4 335 3/4 339 328	315 1/2 325 1/4 331 335 1/2 327 1/2	316 327 333 337 1/2 330 3/4	312 3/4 324 3/4 331 1/2 336 1/2 329 1/2
KC Wheat Dec Mar May Jul Sep	546 555 538 481 484	530 1/2 543 1/2 531 480 482	524 1/2 534 1/2 522 1/4 477 3/4 480 1/2	530 540 1/4 524 1/2 482 482	531 543 1/4 525 484 1/2 484
SB Meal Dec Jan Mar May Jul	178.50 179.20 181.60 183.60 185.80	180.50 181.40 185.30 185.80 187.70	179.60 180.60 183.00 185.20 187.20	178.70 179.70 181.80 183.70 185.90	180.40 181.40 183.00 185.20 186.40

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle nearby .10 to .90 lower others steady to .40 higher, Lean Hogs .02 to 1.70 lower, Pork Bellies .15 to 3.45 lower, except May .02 higher, Feeder Cattle .03 to .83 lower.

Daily Entures Classes

.		Daily Futures Closes					
		Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	
	Cattle Oct Dec Feb Apr Jun	87.60 87.42 90.05 89.52 86.05	87.92 87.32 90.10 89.77 86.32	88.57 87.85 90.52 90.05 86.45	87.87 87.20 89.95 89.65 85.72	87.67 87.07 90.20 80.02 86.05	
•	Lean Hogs Dec Feb Apr May Jun	60.80 63.22 64.67 67.80 69.22	59.72 62.25 63.85 67.45 69.00	59.25 61.70 63.35 66.90 68.57	58.67 61.17 62.75 66.77 68.30	89.35 62.00 63.65 67.67 68.97	
	Prk Bel Feb Mar May Jul Aug	86.62 88.70 90.35 91.37 91.37	88.20 87.60 89.60 91.15 91.15	87.77 87.55 89.60 91.20 91.15	87.50 87.55 89.60 91.10 91.15	87.52 87.65 89.55 91.05 91.15	
	Fdr Cat Oct Nov Jan Mar Apr	107.85 105.67 104.40 102.85 102.70	106.75 104.57 103.70 102.20 102.15	107.10 105.07 104.45 102.87 102.70	106.70 104.70 103.37 101.85 101.75	106.32 104.75 103.52 101.95 101.77	
	Milk Oct Nov Dec	12.35 12.36 12.58	12.35 12.37 12.60	12.35 12.43 12.70	12.35 12.43 12.71	12.32 12.89 13.00	

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .05 to .37 higher Wheat .05 to .11 lower Corn .02 lower to .13 higher Grain Sorghum .13 lower to .37 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soy- bean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.64 5.76 5.80 5.83 5.82	3.96 3.81 3.75 3.80 3.81	3.02 3.06 3.01 3.01 2.98	5.48 5.46 5.38 5.38 5.32
St. Louis Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.77-5.82 5.85-5.91 6.03-6.08 6.10-6.15 6.11-6.14	5.09 4.97 4.88 4.91 4.87	3.08-3.16 3.20-3.21 3.22 3.22-3.25 3.24-3.26	6.00 6.14 6.26 6.30 6.29
Central Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.33-5.39 5.49-5.51 5.50-5.55 5.58-5.63 5.57-5.62	4.38-4.55 4.26-4.31 4.08-4.30 4.08-4.16 4.00-4.05	2.90-2.92 2.95-2.98 2.85-2.93 2.93 2.90	4.85-5.17 4.92 4.78-5.08 4.78 4.73
S.E. MO Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.70-5.79 5.85-5.92 5.98-6.06 6.07-6.15 6.14-6.21	5.04-5.21 4.93-5.11 4.79-4.99 4.84-5.00 4.80-4.85	3.06-3.14 3.10-3.20 3.11-3.19 3.16-3.23 3.18-3.25	6.07-6.10 6.14-6.26 6.12-6.23 6.21-6.39 6.26-6.39

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Department of Agriculture to Distribute Drought Assistance to Livestock Owners

Livestock Assistance Grant Program Applications Available Oct. 16

The Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA) has announced that it will begin accepting applications for the Livestock Assistance Grant Program on Monday, Oct. 16. This grant program is designed to assist Missouri livestock producers partially recover forage production losses due to certain drought conditions in 2006. "The drought adversely effected most of the counties in Missouri this year and we are happy that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is providing funding to 30 of our counties that suffered the most forage loss," said Fred Ferrell, director of MDA. "We are doing everything we can to try to help our producers during this time of need." The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced in late August funding to help agricultural producers deal with the drought. The package included a \$50 million state block grant program to aid livestock producers suffering from the effects of the 2006 drought. As part of this program, Missouri was allocated \$2.7 million to distribute to producers. MDA will have a month-long application period from Oct. 16-Nov. 17, 2006. Producers will not receive any direct notification of this program from MDA; however, applications will be available from the following sources: * Online at www.mda.mo.gov, under "Drought Information" * Missouri Farm Service Agency offices located in the qualified counties * University of Missouri Extension offices located in the qualified counties Eligible livestock owners must have had their livestock located within the 30 counties identified for the program. The counties are: Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Camden, Cass, Cedar, Christian, Cooper, Dade, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Lafayette, Lawrence, McDonald, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Newton, Pettis, Polk, Ray, St. Clair, Saline, Stone and Vernon. Eligible livestock include: adult beef cows, adult dairy cows, adult sheep ewes, adult goat does, adult equine mares, adult elk cows and adult bison cows. Producers with questions regarding the application or the program are encouraged to contact MDA at (573) 526-4727 or via email at lagp@mda.mo.gov.